

ASSIGNEE'S SALE!

MAMMOTH STOCK OF

Clothing for Men, Boys and Children

And Gent's Furnishing Goods

Will be closed out at and below cost. Call early, and don't miss this chance.

Louis S. Berg, Assignee for

COHEN & KOENIGHEIM,

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Don't Buy

Until you have seen the stock of clothing of Cohen & Koenigheim.

—Woolson's store will be open tomorrow morning for the accommodation of the public.

An Old Post Says:

"In the furthest and the very best of the mind with the..."

Fresh Oysters and Celery

Every day at Heller's, 307 Houston street.

Railroad Tickets

Railroad tickets bought, sold and exchanged. Reduced rates to all points.

Lutich's Restaurant

No. 4 West Houston street, acting as a dining room for fresh oysters, game, poultry, fish, etc.

Shirts and Underwear

A very complete stock for sale by Pancoast & Son.

Boarding House for Sale

I will sell my boarding house, No. 15 Alamo street, cheap, for cash.

All Kinds of Shoes

Carpet money and a beautiful line of Christmas cards at Thompson's book store.

French Millinery

Mrs. Feltz, 223 West Commerce street, keeps in stock the latest assortment of fashionable millinery at reasonable prices.

"WINE OF CARDUI" for Ladies only

Sold by James Clayton and L. Orynski, druggists.

Fine Mixed Candy

Only 20 cents per pound at Heller's.

Late Style of Hats

For sale at Pancoast & Son's.

Don't forget the assortment of Christmas cards at Thompson's

Dr. M. E. Tavin, Dentist, Successor to Dr. Weems. Office 413 East Houston street. Up stairs.

For Holiday Presents

You will find Thompson & Co. selling as cheap as the cheapest.

Call and see Thompson's

Selection of Christmas cards and holiday gifts. You will certainly be pleased in price and selection.

New Year's Cards

A nice line of New Year's cards at the luxury office. Send your orders early.

Holiday Goods of Every Description

A splendid assortment at U. W. Baldwin & Co.'s, 221 Commerce street.

Have Your Teeth Filled

By Dr. A. J. Smith, No. 36 Commerce street, over Clayton & Orynski's.

Mr. Xiang's Book Store

Is the place to buy juvenile books, albums, pictures, artificial flowers, all kinds of games, and Christmas goods.

For Rent

Several large houses, one 1 room, one 2 rooms, one 11 rooms and store, centrally located.

Fruits and Toys

Any quantity, and cheap at Heller's.

Repaired, packed or shipped by Pearson & Co., 311 Soledad street.

Try Pancoast

Notice to Contractors

Bids will be received for the erection of a two-story brick building at Col. Moore's office, on Alamo street. Plans and specifications furnished on application.

Madame Virginia Donaldson's Holiday Bazaar

at Arthur's variety store, 111 Alamo street, opposite Maverick hotel.

CHIPS AND SOILED DOVES.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MAYOR FRENCH ON THE GRAND JURY REPORT.

The Ordinance Penalties Owing to the Charter—He Thinks the County Officers Could Check These evils.

In official circles, city and county, this morning, there appeared to be a stirring up of the animals, caused by the emanation of a paper bull against gambling and prostitution from the grand jury. By nearly all it is looked upon as a spasmodic effort at reform, which usually issues from the retirement of all grand juries in every county seat. But its open and defiant attack on the city authorities—its covert suggestions to have them assigned for nonfeasance of duty has given this document a prominence not hitherto accorded to the requests of smugling committees.

To hear what Mayor French had to remark on this subject, a *Light* representative called on him at his office this morning. The Mayor, on being interrogated said he had read the document from the literary bureau of the grand jury, and was then asked to give his views of it, which he did, substantially as follows:

"I was not altogether unprepared," said Mayor French, "for this, though I do not think it represents the careful reflection of the members of that body. It has been entangled into striking at me, through the efforts of Mr. George Tashell, who is no friend of mine, and hence the machinery of the jury has been used as a weapon to many of its members, no doubt, to assault me personally. This, to say the least, is an undignified and surprising use of its powers. As to gambling and prostitution being carried on so openly, it is admitted by all who are any way familiar with the subject that the city is powerless to suppress the evils in most instances—powerless to enforce its own ordinances. It is worse than useless; it is a travesty on justice for our police to arrest violators when the Recorder is obliged, under the law, to turn them loose. There was an ordinance of a year ago held illegal by Judge Noonan because it conflicted with the State statutes. Our City Attorney admitted it and it was enacted so that the penalties were the same as to fine and imprisonment as the punishment under the State law. Judge Callaghan justly held it illegal because it exceeded the penalties named in the charter of the city. So you see we are completely fenced in and our hands tied. We cannot expect the Recorder to perform ex officio the duties of a Justice of the Peace. This would be to have our limited police force perform the duties of Constable, Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff. The fines in these cases would go to the State or county, and our city thus be deprived of one of its sources of revenue for the support of the police force. The city has already two justices for this purpose, and our policemen should not be compelled to bring their prisoners before them, leaving their beats and dancing tedious attention before them as witnesses. As far as the city is concerned there is a remedy to a certain extent. We can do as the Dallas people did, where recently they have entered 125 charges against a single gambler, apply to the Legislature to amend our charter where it has been found faulty. When this is done I will not be slow to enforce the ordinances. You see hence that the motive of this attack on me from some men who are fully aware of the obstacles which get round me is purely personal."

"But, Mr. Mayor," queried the scribe, "cannot the State or county authorities enforce their laws?"

"Yes," beyond a doubt," replied Mayor French, but they do not. When we failed to enforce our ordinances in the courts Marshal Sharden offered his services and those of all his force to aid the county officers in suppressing the evil, and I can say that their fourths of the arrests on these grounds where the parties are tried in the District court have been made by my police. The State law is not alternative as to fine or imprisonment; it is cumulative, yet how frequently is it the case that convicted gamblers are only punished for one offense out of many, pay a small fine, but are never sent to jail, as the law distinctly declares they should. If they desired to enforce the State law they can do so with happy and prompt results. Some eight months ago Judge Noonan charged the Sheriff to enforce the law, and, obeying this mandate, he had all the gambling houses in the city closed in three hours, showing they knew just where to get their hands on them and that they have a wholesome dread of a law that is not a dead letter like our ordinance in this respect. Besides, every saloon keeper under the State statute must give a bond in the sum of \$1000 to keep an orderly house, and permit no gambling, yet have we ever heard of the bond being forfeited in any instance in cases the most glaring? If Judge Noonan will inspect convicted gamblers as well as fine them on one conviction out of many, if the Sheriff will see his office as effectively as it has been shown he can do, if the District Attorney will see saloon keepers on their bonds for permitting gambling, it seems to me that any one or all of these would be found wide enough avenues to get out of the difficulty. If they so willed it they could close every one of these places by sundown and keep them closed. I am not shirking any responsibility. I have taken counsel from all the Aldermen for many months. They are with me most earnestly to suppress these evils, but as is pointed out, our charter nullifies against any further action till the Legislature widens its scope and confers the necessary jurisdiction. Give me the power and I will not wait for a grand jury to guide me with the personal opinion of one of its members to an ultra-liberal of these evils."

Thanking the Mayor for the interview the *Light* man struck for the Sheriff's office to hear Captain McCall's side of the matter, but was forced to "mourn" because he found him not. The Sheriff being busy in some other part of the city. A statement, however, will be procured from him for Monday's issue.

PERSONAL.

Items Gleaned in the Hotel Corridors and From Various Other Sources.

F. T. Wilson, of Chicago, is in the city.

Mr. J. T. Lytle has arrived in town from his ranch.

Mr. C. Lusk, of Sherman, Tex., is here on business.

Mr. P. M. Malone, of Luling, is at the Maverick.

Mr. N. L. Ware arrived from Paris, Texas, this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, of Memphis, are at the Maverick.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Noah, of St. Louis, are guests at the Menger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Gaskin, of Luling, are at the Menger.

Miss Retic Montrose, of Mobile, Ala., is visiting the city.

Mr. W. H. Moore, from Victoria, is a guest at the Maverick.

Mr. T. R. Johnson and Mr. J. D. Fennel, of Seguin, are guests at the Menger.

Mr. J. B. Ludlum and Mr. W. F. Foster, of St. Louis, arrived at the Menger this morning.

Arrivals at the St. Leonard Hotel—Madison Foster, City; T. H. Pierce, Galveston; R. F. Young, Georgetown; S. Butler, N. G. Butler, M. L. Butler, Dallasville; G. W. Tindall, Medina county; A. S. Murrey, Bexar county; George R. Faris, Texas.

Real Estate Transfers.

Manuel Chavez et al. to daughter of John C. Crawford, 31 acres in the Carlas Sastre, \$13.50.

Jas. P. Newcomb and wife to Samuel Merrick, 12 lots on Ninth street, \$1.

Recorder's Court.

Jesus Mays, beating and striking, \$5; P. J. Davis, vagrant, \$10 or 30 days; R. Rostro, Pedro Trevino, Cora McCurry, J. Schumme, Mike Moran, F. Romero, Andrew Kithy, Henry Brown, drunk, \$5 each.

Continued.

A man who had his fine of \$10 remitted by the Mayor has shown his gratitude by stealing \$8 from a gentleman. He was arrested last night across the San Pedro by Officers Oppenheimer and Glesman.

Remember the Poor

The following anonymous note received at this office explains itself. It is charity's response to the wants of a poor lady whose distressed condition was published yesterday. Will not others deem themselves privileged to aid also? Anything left at this office will be sent to the beneficiary, as was done with the package sent by the writer of the annexed note.

Editor San Antonio Light:

Here is a package for the distressed family of which I saw mention in Wednesday's *Light*. Their name is Lacour. If not convenient to send it to them, please send directions where they are to be found. A LADY. DECEMBER 21, 1923.

—An item in the *Light* of yesterday stated that Jesus Gonzalez died at Santa Rosa hospital of consumption. The reporter was in error. He died at his late residence, No. 224 South Fresa street, of asthma. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—Rev. B. L. Dahney, D. D., L. L. D., Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy of the University of Texas, will preach in the First Presbyterian church, corner of North Flores and Houston street, to-morrow at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The public are invited. We advise all who can to go and hear Dr. Dahney, as he is the peer of any of the many eminent preachers of his church.

Highway Robbery.

Early this morning a vegetable woman, living on South Flores street, was driving in a market to sell her vegetables. On the way she heard a noise in the rear of the wagon and looking around, saw a man. He, on being discovered, sprang on the woman and, seizing her by the throat, demanded money. Frightened out of her wits and unable to give the alarm, she handed over all the money she had on her person, amounting, luckily, to about \$1. The audacious scoundrel escaped.

Respect Your Wives.

There is something inexpressively pitiful, playing all sense of enjoyment at public places of recreation, to hear a trembling, confiding wife endeavor in a pleading tone to restrain her husband from jumping up and sailing out in quest of liquor at the nearest bar-room. A *Light* scribe hears such appeals as these where the fretting woman in a whisper tries to hide the disgrace. "Don't, my dear!" "What did you promise me?" "That cursed whiskey!" "I told them you never drank!" etc. No matter what a man's appetite may be it is as monstrous to bring his wife to a theatre or opera, mar all her pleasure and disgrace her by going out on this errand. This is of nightly occurrence. We have often felt the deepest pity for these ladies, whose plaintive whispers ought to break even a demon keep his nasty, reeking breath from blasting with its fumes the beauty and the heart and the hope of a publicly tormented woman.

What's the Ante?

A cowboy dropped into a church. Instant on goodness purely; He went away up to the front And took a seat demurely.

He felt a little out of place, But thought he ought to try it, As he took a look at the old lady, Maintained a perfect quiet.

He didn't make a single break, Nor show the least defection, Until a little leaven came.

To take the church collection, The plate came to the cowboy first, Of course, with nothing in it; He looked up at the deacon, then Down on the plate a minute.

He couldn't tell the game at all, And didn't dare to doubt it, The more he tried to find it out, The less he knew about it.

At last he spoke right out in church— "Now look a here, old father, Don't try to bluff, I'll take the ship— You sing out what's the ante."

Model of Typographical Neatness.

From the Longview Express.

The SAN ANTONIO *Light*, though Republican in politics, is one of the brightest and neatest papers that comes to our table. It is liberal in its opinions, temperately edited, and is a perfect model of typographical neatness.

Inducements Extraordinary!

We shall exhibit a choice assortment of ladies' suits, in silk, broadcloth, velvet, ladies' cloth, flannel, black and colored costumes, and all the new dress goods.

Ladies' Cloak Department

now open. A large line of fall and winter wear. Newsbreakers, walking jackets, cloaks, dolmans, ulsters and jerseys, "jerseys," "jerseys," for ladies, misses and children, at all the popular prices.

Black and Colored Dress Goods.

Excellent bargains. We claim to have the largest assortment of black and mourning dress goods ever brought to this city. In all the new shades and kinds of cottons, chevrons, Arctics, hules, etc.

Carpets, Carpets, Carpets.

We have now on exhibition a large line of tapestry, velvet and body Brussels carpets. Also full line of western 14 carpets, matting, oil cloths, etc.

Hosiery, Hosiery, Hosiery

We have now a full assortment of ladies' fine silk hose in all the newest shades. Lisle thread hose in all colors, for misses and children. Of these goods we always carried the best assortment, and shall continue to add new things.

We have in our employ Madame Perrell, just from the fashion centre of New York City, who has shown by her elegant costumes, which she has made in the past few weeks, that she is a competent designer and draper, and style of fitting is as good as can be made. We can safely say that we are prepared to make and finish dresses in as good style as can be had in any large city.

8-21 Haas & Oppenheimer.

ERASTUS REED,

Handsome Patented

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BED LOUNGES!

Washstands, Marble Top Tables.

33—COMMERCE ST—35

For Holiday Presents.

Music boxes, books, music albums and all kinds of music supplies, go to Guggen & Bro's, 260 Commerce street.

Furniture Wagon

Always on hand to move furniture. Orders left at 25 Soledad street, opposite Court House, will be promptly attended to.

Colonial reliever: "BLACK-DRAGHT" cures.

Sold by James Clayton and L. Orynski, druggists.

Lost.

One brass cap belonging to Hook and Ladder truck. The holder will please return same to G. A. Daring, Chief Fire Department, 12-20-11.

200 Cards Dry Wood For Sale.

Cut and split to order and delivered to any part of the city. Cheap for cash.

Novelty Restaurant (Lemon's), No. 10 Alamo street, opposite School's hall, furnishes first-class meals at 25 cents. Tickets for 21 meals \$4.50. Commutation tickets correspond. \$5.00.

Masses, Funerals & Burials

Have removed their office to the Stock Exchange saloon, where they will open up the same business. Old friends are requested to continue the same favors.

City Grocery Store, 236 Commerce street, has just received five works, five crackers, caution crackers, torpedoes, five works in assorted cases, to be sold at bottom figures for the holiday trade, at the City Grocery Store, 236 Commerce street.

Mr. Fred Wards.

The box about sent by me at Bishop's tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

How You Can Be Happy

And cause your wife to wear a pleasant smile all the coming year, call, examine and buy the five-room cottage, centrally located, for only \$2000, as nothing adds so much to a man's happiness as a handsome home and pleasant surroundings.

Real Estate Brokers, 208 W. Houston St.

Madame M. Thompsonson.

Ladies' hair dresser, 306 Houston street, has just received a fine line of hair goods in the latest styles. Also perfumery, toilet articles, and the latest wash wear, etc.

A New Lot Japanese Goods.

Work boxes, cabinets, handkerchiefs, and glove boxes, trays, smoking sets, tatami sets, screens, etc. All must be sold this week.

405 East Houston street.

The Real Opera Company

Will present the Chinese of Normandy to-morrow night. Miss Blanche Chapman having recovered from a severe illness will make her first appearance during the engagement. Miss Chapman is popular with the San Antonio public, having made a very favorable impression last season. Mr. Henry Peakes will also sing with her in his great character of "Gasper."

Call Upon J. T. Hamilton for Aldermen, Third Ward.

John T. Hamilton, Esq.

We, the undersigned citizens of the Third ward, would respectfully ask that you allow your name to be used as a candidate for Alderman at the coming election, and hope that you will favor us with an early reply.

We remain your friends,

Frank P. Hunt, W. H. Mason, George Dilling, Charles Johnson, J. W. Kallavick, R. A. Kovals, Thomas Klobbman, Philip Demory, W. J. Fryer, Curtis Davis.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The Finest Assortment of Ladies' and Gent's Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Lace Collars, Flashes, Kid Gloves, Money Purses, Embroidered Slippers, Lace Curtains and Table-Covers.

BOYS' SUITS, OVERCOATS AND HATS!

Gent's Underwear and Neckwear.

J. JOSKE & SONS.

Entrances: Alamo Plaza and Lozoya Street.

Largest Jewelry House in Texas!

L. ROUVANT,

NO. 265 COMMERCE STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, is now thoroughly fitted up and stocked in his new store, and exhibits the Largest and Best Selected Stock of

DIAMONDS,

FINE WATCHES,

and JEWELRY

To be found in any house in the State of Texas. Anyone wanting to purchase DIAMONDS, FINE WATCHES and JEWELRY will find it to their interest to call on ROUVANT and examine goods and get prices before purchasing elsewhere.

285—COMMERCE STREET—285

San Antonio, Texas.

180 BARGAINS in 180 MINUTES

217 ALAMO PLAZA.

OVERCOATS, OVERCOATS,

For Everybody, at Prices That Defy Competition.

Sheets, Correvon & Castles.

DOWN SHE GOES!

I Have Made Still Another Reduction in Prices. 300 PAIR WHITE BLANKETS 10-4, at \$1.75 a Pair. A Large Consignment of the Celebrated

KNICKERBOCKER DRESS GOODS 20 YARDS \$1.

All Other Goods at Proportionately Reduced Rates.

A. KAHN & CO.

WAGNER'S BAZAR.



WOLFF & MARX,

Corner Commerce and Alamo Sts.

BARGAINS in CLOTHING

Gent's Suits, Young Mens' Suits, Big Boys' Suits, and School Suits.

Late Shipments of Boys' Suits at Very Low Prices!

BEST MAKES OF BOOTS AND SHOES.

The above are new departments, and every dollar's worth of goods is new and fresh. Bought at prices that enable us to sell them to the satisfaction of the consumer.